

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transforming further comprises:~~  
A method for providing a remembered set comprising:  
maintaining the remembered set as a bag;  
identifying when an event occurs;  
transforming the remembered set into a set when the event occurs, wherein the  
step of transforming comprises:  
obtaining a plurality of thread local store buffers; and  
flushing the thread local store buffers to a global store buffer.
3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of flushing further comprises:  
eliminating a plurality of objects in the global store buffer that reside in the thread  
local store buffers wherein the objects are duplicates.
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of eliminating  
further comprises:  
determining whether one or more dedicated mark bits are set in the objects  
referenced by the thread local store buffers; and  
pushing the objects to the global store buffer, if said mark bits are not set.  
~~marking a plurality of the dedicated mark bits, if they are not set.~~
5. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the event occurs when the thread local  
store buffers have overflowed.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the step of identifying further comprises:  
using a memory protection mechanism to determine when the thread local store buffers ~~has~~ have overflowed.
7. (currently amended) The method of claim 5 wherein the step of identifying further comprises:  
using a user trap to determine when the thread local store buffers ~~has~~ have overflowed.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the user trap comprises:  
filling a stack with a plurality of pointers to successive stack elements;  
filling a top of the stack with a pointer to the user trap;  
fetching a current pointer from the pointers to successive stack elements;  
determining whether the current pointer is the pointer to the user trap; and  
performing the user trap, if the current pointer is the pointer to the user trap.
9. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the step of flushing further comprises:  
allocating a chunk in the global store buffer wherein the chunk is the same size as one of the thread local store buffers.
10. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein the step of flushing further comprises:  
allocating a chunk in the global store buffer wherein the chunk is smaller than a current buffer in the thread local store buffers; and  
shrinking the current buffer to the size of the chunk.
11. (original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:  
determining a variable threshold.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
failing to shrink the current buffer to the size of the chunk if the variable threshold  
is larger than the chunk.
13. (cancelled)
14. (currently amended) ~~The remembered set of claim 13 wherein the second  
remembered set comprises:~~  
A remembered set comprising:  
a remembered set configured to be maintained as a bag;  
an event configured to be identified when the event occurs; and  
a second remembered set configured to be transformed from the first remembered  
set when the event occurs, wherein the second remembered set is a set and  
comprises a flushing mechanism configured to flush a plurality of thread  
local store buffers into the a global store buffer.
15. (original) The remembered set of claim 14 wherein the flushing mechanism  
further comprises:  
a plurality of objects that reside in the thread local store buffers configured to be  
eliminated from the global store buffer, wherein the objects are duplicates.
16. (currently amended) The remembered set of claim 15 wherein the flushing  
mechanism further comprises:  
one or more dedicated mark bits in the objects referenced by the thread local store  
buffers wherein the dedicated mark bits are configured to be determined if  
said mark bits ~~they~~ are set and wherein the objects are configured to be  
pushed onto the global store buffer, if said mark bits are not set.

17. (original) The remembered set of claim 14 wherein the event occurs when the thread local store buffers have overflowed.
18. (currently amended) The remembered set of claim 17 wherein the event further comprises:  
a memory protection mechanism configured to determine when the thread local store buffers ~~has~~ have overflowed.
19. (currently amended) The remembered set of claim 17 wherein the event further comprises:  
a user trap configured to determine when the thread local store buffers ~~has~~ have overflowed.
20. (currently amended) The remembered set of claim 19 wherein the user trap comprises:  
a stack configured to be filled with a plurality of pointers to successive stack elements;  
a top of the stack configured to be filled with a pointer to the user trap; and  
a current pointer configured to be fetched from the pointers to successive stack elements,  
wherein it is determined whether the current pointer is the pointer to the user trap  
[[;]] and the user trap[[,]] is configured to be performed if the current pointer is the pointer to the user trap.
21. (original) The remembered set of claim 14 wherein the flushing mechanism further comprises:  
a chunk in the global store buffer configured to be allocated wherein the chunk is the same size as one of the thread local store buffers.

22. (original) The remembered set of claim 15 wherein the flushing mechanism further comprises:  
a chunk in the global store buffer configured to be allocated wherein the chunk is smaller than a current buffer in the thread local store buffers and the current buffer is configured to be shrunk to the size of the chunk.
23. (original) The remembered set of claim 22 further comprising:  
a variable threshold configured to be determined.
24. (original) The remembered set of claim 23 further comprising:  
the current buffer configured not to be shrunk to the size of the chunk if the variable threshold is larger than the chunk.
25. (cancelled)
26. (currently amended) ~~The computer program product of claim 25 wherein the computer readable code configure to cause a computer to transform further comprises:~~  
A computer program product comprising:  
a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured to provide a remembered set, the computer readable program code comprising:  
computer readable code configured to cause a computer to maintain the remembered set as a bag;  
computer readable code configured to cause the computer to identify when an event occurs; and  
computer readable code configured to cause the computer to transform the remembered set into a set when the event occurs, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a computer to transform comprises:  
computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to obtain a plurality of thread local store buffers; and  
computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to flush the thread local store buffers to a global store buffer.

27. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 26 wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to flush further comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to eliminate a plurality of objects in the global store buffer that reside in the thread local store buffers wherein the objects are duplicates.

28. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to eliminate further comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to determine whether one or more dedicated mark bits are set in the objects referenced by the thread local store buffers; and

computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to mark a plurality of the dedicated mark bits, if ~~they~~ said mark bits are not set.

29. (original) The computer program product of claim 26 wherein the event occurs when the thread local store buffers have overflowed.

30. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to identify further comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to use a memory protection mechanism to determine when the thread local store buffers ~~has~~ have overflowed.

31. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to identify further comprises:

computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to use a user trap to determine when the thread local store buffers ~~has~~ have overflowed.

32. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 31 wherein the user trap comprises:

- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to fill a stack with a plurality of pointers to successive stack elements;
- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to fill a top of the stack with a pointer to the user trap;
- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to fetch a current pointer from the pointers to successive stack elements;
- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to determine whether the current pointer is the pointer to the user trap; and
- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to perform the user trap, if the current pointer is the pointer to the user trap.

33. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 26 wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to flush further comprises:

- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to allocate a chunk in the global store buffer wherein the chunk is the same size as one of the thread local store buffers.

34. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to flush further comprises:

- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to allocate a chunk in the global store buffer, wherein the chunk is smaller than a current buffer in the thread local store buffers; and
- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to shrink the current buffer to the size of the chunk.

35. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 34 further comprising:

- computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to determine a variable threshold.

36. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 35 further comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a the computer to fail to shrink the current buffer to the size of the chunk if the variable threshold is larger than the chunk.